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ABSTRACT

This proposed constitution was approved by the faculty of Morehead State University in May 1969, and by the Board of Regents in June 1969. The Senate's duties are to act: as an advisory body in developing institutional policies; as a liaison among various elements in the University and between those elements and the Board of Regents; as a deliberative body on any issue that might arise; and as a coordinator of the work of University committees. Students are voting members of the new Senate. Rules governing their election are included. (JS)

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT

I. The committee recommends that a University Senate be established.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR A UNIVERSITY SENATE

Name

The assembly described herein shall be known as the University Senate of Morehead State University.

Definitions

"Elements of the university" means the administration and staff, the faculty, and the student body.

Duties and Responsibilities

The University Senate shall have as its purpose to serve the university community in the following capacities:

1. As an advisory body in the development of policies of the institution, reporting to the various elements of the university on relevant questions;

2. As a liaison or communicative link among the various elements of the university, and between these elements and the Board of Regents through the President of the university;

3. As a deliberative body to give voice to the consensus of the university community on any issues or questions which might arise;

4. And as a coordinator of the work of the university committees.

Senate Membership

The Senate shall be composed of members of the administration, the faculty, and the student body. All members of the Senate shall be voting members.

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1. By virtue of their administrative offices, the following shall be members of the Senate: The President of the University, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Vice President for University Affairs, the Vice President for Research and Development, the Director of Business Affairs, the Dean of Graduate Programs, the Dean of Undergraduate Programs, the Director of Libraries, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, the Professor of Military Science, and one dean from among the school deans, this Senate membership to be rotated among the five deans.

2. Five faculty members from each school shall be elected to the Senate. Only faculty members who have a rank above that of instructor, and who have served at least two academic years at Morehead State University, and who spend at least 50% of their time in teaching shall be eligible for membership in the Senate. The term of office shall be for two years, the members from each school to be elected in the individual schools in such a way that at least two new members from each school shall be elected each year. No member may serve more than two terms in succession.

3. Two students from each of the schools and two from the graduate programs shall be chosen in a manner to be determined by the Student Council for Senate membership. Only full-time students in good standing are eligible for Senate membership. The term of office shall be for one year.

4. In the case of faculty and student membership vacancies in the Senate, the vacancy shall be filled as follows: for the faculty membership vacancy, the dean of the relevant school shall appoint a member to fill out the term; for the student membership vacancy, the Student Council shall appoint a member to fill out the term.

II. The committee makes the following recommendations concerning the operation of the University Senate.

1. It is further recommended that a committee be established by the Senate to consider matters pertaining to faculty responsibilities and prerogatives. This committee would serve as a kind of grievance committee, hearing complaints of faculty members. Any member of the university community who teaches at least 50% of the time and who has served two academic years at the university would be eligible for membership on the committee.

2. It is recommended that relevant university committees be incorporated as an integral part of the Senate, the manner and details of that incorporation to be worked out by the Senate during its first year of service.

3. It is further recommended that the Senate, chaired temporarily by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, proceed to set up its by-laws and otherwise determine procedural matters, with these stipulations: that regularly scheduled open meetings be held; that an agenda containing precise identification of items of business be published throughout the university community at least 48 hours before the regular meetings; that provision be made such that any member of the university community may bring a question before the Senate; and that any member of the university community can request the privilege of the floor.

Approved by the faculty of Morehead State University on May 20, 1969, and approved by the Board of Regents on June 2, 1969.

ACCEPTED: 11/10/69

We, the election committee, have drawn up the following recommendations for temporary Student Council Policy.

TIME OF ELECTIONS:

1. We recommend that the Senate representatives be elected on December 9, 1969.

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES:

1. Any student desiring to run for a University Senate office must declare his candidacy two weeks prior to the scheduled election. This may be done by submitting a written statement to the election committee attesting to the fact that he is qualified according to the student council regulations and is in good standing with the University. If a student does not declare his candidacy before the alloted deadline he will be ineligible to run for office. He must declare the school of his major that he wishes to be elected from.

2. To be eligible to be a candidate for the University Senate at student must be a full-time undergraduate student and must have complete twenty-seven (27) hours of University work at the time of taking office and student representatives of the graduate program must be a full-time graduate student.

VOTING:

1. In order for a student to vote in these elections, he must be a full-time student at Morehead State University and must present his student I.D. card at the polls.

2. All undergraduate Senate representatives must be elected by the full-time students within their schools and all graduate student representatives shall be elected by the full-time graduate students at Morehead State University.

3. A person who qualifies to vote in more than one of these schools, may only vote for the school of his choosing.

4. The polls will be open from the hours of 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at designated locations to be publicized by the Student Council.

5. There will be no campaigning within fifty feet of the polls.

6. There will be no use of University Post Office facilities for posters and/or campaign literature. This includes stuffing the mail boxes in the University Post Office and the dormitories.

7. All campaign literature must be posted only on the bulletin boards and other areas designated by the student council.

8. Any infraction of these rules may result in the disqualification of the candidates involved; the Judiciary Board will have discretion to rule these matters.

9. Students at the time of voting will vote for two candidates in the major of their choice.

TERM OF OFFICE:

1. Student members to the University Senate elected in the first year of its operation shall serve from the day of their election to the last day of the spring semester.